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# Western Region • Boy Scouts of America

# MEMORANDUM OF DECISION IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT WONG

The Regional Review Committee, having reviewed matters related to the registration of Robert Wong, hereby affirms the decision suspending Mr. Wong's registration in the Boy Scouts of America. We find that this action is appropriate, supported by the record before it and fully consistent with BSA standards of leadership.

Procedure dictates that, should an appeal be desired, a written request for appeal be directed to: Director, Personnel Division, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, within thirty days of receipt of this Memorandum.

July 21, 1989

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Mr. Robert Wong

Cear Mr. Mong:

In response to your letter regarding the denial of your membership in the Boy Scouts of America, please be advised that if you wish to have this matter reviewed by the Western Region, you must contact Stephen L. Perry, Area Director, at Western Region, BSA, P.O. Box 3464, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3464.

Cordially,

Ban M. Love Chief Scout Executive

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cc: Staphan L. Perry Area Director April 3, 1989

Mr. Timothy L. Gorman Scout Executive San Mateo County Council, No. 20

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Wong

Dear Tim:

This is just a follow-up concerning the above named individual. I still do not find a Confidential Record Sheet in our file.

I am enclosing a form which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available. We need everything we can get, so we may identify Mr. Wong should he attempt registration in some other location.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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Enclosure

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February 27. 1989

ROBERT WONS

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DAVID K. PARK

mr. Sen Love Chief Scout Executive Boy Scouts of America

Inving, Texas 75015

Dear Mr. Love:

I am writing to you in response to a letter received by me via certified mail from Steve Perry. Area Director, Western Region. This letter informed me that the National Council has decided that my registration with the Boy Scouts of America should not be accepted.

I have decided to address this matter directly to you because I have lost confidence in Mr. Perry's competence to perform his duties both in past local and present regional capacities.

while there are more reasons for my commissed confidence in Mr. Perry than I have the time or room to elaporate on, here are a few:

- 1. In December, 1988. Mr. Perry contacted me by onone and set uo an appointment. I asked Mr. Perry for a contact number just in case there were any unforeseen problems and he stated that he did not have a number where I could reach him On the date of the appointment, my vehicle lost its power steering while on the road and I was unable to inform Mr. Penry. The next time I was contacted by Mr. Penry was on receipt of the above-mentioned letter, more than two months later. Mr. Perry has claimed that he had attempted to contact me on several occasions out was unsuccessful. Wall he certainly did not call my residence because no one even scoke to him, nor did he leave a message on our answering service which has been in operation during the entire deriod, nor did he make an effort to contact me through my mother's employment, which he has done in the past when he has wanted to.
- 3. My review for reinstatement at the local council level tock nearly six months to complete and was conducted at the convenience of Mr. Ferry's schedule instead of being conducted with dispatch, within a 2-month period as set forth in BSA procedures.

3. During the local council review, Mr. Perry claimed that he had sent a letter to me a month orion to the actual date of necesot. This letter was to inform me of my interview date with the local review committee. Mr. Perry suggested that the letter was lost in the mail, a frequent excuse, but when was the last time you had something lost in the mail? Later, another party informed me that Mr. Perry had simply not mailed the letter as claimed.

In response to the current letter of registration denial, I must tell you that I am completely baffled. BSA procedures state that at the conclusion of the hearing for reinstatement, the local review committee should reach a decision by a majority vote. I have been told by each of the members of the review committee that it was a unanimous decision of all, not just a simple majority, to grant my reinstatement.

Now I have been informed that the National Council has apparently reversed this unanimous decision for reinstatement. The procedures set forth by 3SA in regards to this stage of review state that if the decision of the local council review committee and the procedures it followed are not clearly erroneous, then the decision should be affirmed. It is extremely difficult to believe that this committee, which comprised of a Chief of Police, an attorney, and a pusinessman, was clearly, unanimously erroneous.

This leaves one other possibility of which the decision reached by National was based on incomplete and/or inaccurate information of the local council review committee. My concern then becomes whether Mr. Perry has again become incompetent and has not provided to the National Council the same or the complete information which the local committee based its decision upon for reinstatement.

An additional question which needs to be addressed is the fact that more than eight months have cassed since my reinstatement and now the National Council takes action. Once again, this conflicts with BSA procedures which state that the memorandum decision of the local council review committee should be sent to the applicant only after being reviewed by the Registration Service at the national council. This procedure implies that my reinstatement had the full classings of the national council as well.

Since the National Council has decided to deny my registration with BSA, and no reasoning was given in the generic sample letter taken from the procedures manual. I respectfully reduest an explanation for this action in a prompt and confidential manner.

Siremely yours,

Robert Wonc

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ATTACHMENT



## Western Region • Boy Scouts of America

February 7, 1989

Mr. Robert Wong
San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Mr. Wong:

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If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a regional committee, please write to the regional director, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours

Stephen L. Perry

Area Director



## WESTERN REGION - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 21, 1989

TO: David Park

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Robert Wong File

Please add the attached to the file and expect a communication from Mr. Irvine.

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RICHARD PARKER



# Western Region • Boy Scouts of America

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February 22, 1989

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San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear

Thank you for coming by yesterday and expressing your concern about the Robert Wong situation. I can certainly appreciate your position and your concern for Mr. Wong and the troop.

As I told you, the decision to revoke Mr. Wong's registration was made by the national council and to the best of our knowledge was based on an extensive file; the material in that file coming from varied sources including input from those in authority.

I want to put in writing our concern that you insist that Mr. Wong will continue to be the Scoutmaster of Troop #44. Please be advised again that this violates policies of the Boy Scouts of America, of which you have full knowledge and raises a grave concern over the question of liability. My best advice to you at the moment is to be sure that there are no Troop #44 activities that involve Mr. Wong.

Again, let me express my appreciation for your visit and I do hope that you will feel free to call or come by at any time. We stand ready to serve you and the church in any way that we possibly can. I am also assured by Tim Gorman, the Scout Executive of the San Mateo County Council that he too offers his support.

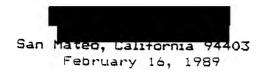
Very pest regards

Richard E. Parker

Assistant Regional Director

CC: Rev. Jonathan Peterson

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Memorandum on Robert Wong

Background: In 1961 I joined the San Mateo Council as Cubmaster of Pack 27 sponsored by the Hillsdale Methodist Church. In 1965 after my oldest son had been in scouting for a year with Troop 21, I learned that Troop 27 had a long waiting list and we were to graduate some 12 Webelos. At this same time the First Baptist Church completed their Fellowship Hall and agreed to sponsor Troop 44 and I started serving as Scoutmaster. After 20 years as Scoutmaster, I retired, after handing the Troop over to the able hands of Robert Wong. During this time I received the St. George award from Catholic Scouting and the Good Shepherd award from the Association of Baptist for Scouting. I received the Silver Beaver award and also served as Assistant Roundtable Commissioner and lead many Camporees and Workarses. Five Silver Beaver awards have been awarded to Troop leaders since its founding. After spending this number of years I am proud of the Troops accomplishments and have continued to attend campouts and help on the Troop paper drives. I should also point out that from 1972 on I had no family members in the Troop and continued to serve until 1985.

## Bob Wong as a Scout:

Bob Wong joined the troop in 1971 and eventually became an Eagle Scout with three palms. He was an early Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster and served as staff on two Brownsea Double Two youth training - courses and as an adult staff member of two Junior Leader Training Courses with one serving as Scoutmaster. All of this was done while he was attending college and working part time at Longs Drug Store. He has taken every training course available in Scouting and I believe has taken Wood Badge training. Bob was always very helpful on High Sierra Camps and Canoe Camps even though his time was limited in those years. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster from 1978 and attended several summer camps at Camp Royanen with me. Bill Wong, his late father, was also an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Troop and while he was limited on what primitive camping he could do, he was very helpful in Troop meetings and on Troop paper drives.

#### Adult life:

After earning his BA degree at San Jose State University he continued on and earned a Masters Degree, all the while working part time at Longs. He served about a year with the U.S. Secret Service and resigned when he realized he could not use a weapon to take another's life. He was extensively checkedout on his background by the Service prior to his joining, with a much more extensive background check than that done by the San Mateo Folice. His ethics and moral standards have always been above reproach at all times. I knew quite well both socially and

during our many years in Scouting. I can assure anyone that Bob would not have been encouraged to stay at home had there been even the slightest hint of homosexual activities. Likewise, the Secret Service would not have hired Bob if there were the slightest indication of such interests.

## Family Relationship:

I have read the statement furnished by Bob to the Council Review Committee and from my own knowledge can verify his closeness with the family and the request therefor from . They were an old world family with the boys having a hard time with English, when they first joined the Troop. participated on only one paper drive during the 6 years I was the leader while drove on two snow trips and numerous occasion prior to her death in a train accident. The boys were shaken badly in the loss of their mother and relations with their dad, while never strong, were on even a more strained relationship. Bob filled in in helping the Troop, even to the extent of sharing paper drive credits for participating in Troop paper drives. was aware that Bob was writing letters to as early as 1982 following death. I went to his nome and he showed me a letter from Bob to ended with I believe, the phrase, Love You and then Bob. I told I did not think this had any sexual overtones but was the show of affection from an older brother to one in shock over the loss of his mother. I advised him I would be aware of the matter and inform him if I learned any differently. I was not requested to submit any information to the Committee and this is the first I have informed anyone of the 1982 meeting with

On February 14, 1989 I met with the oldest of the three boys. I asked him to review Bobs statement as regards to this families relationship with Bob, and he verified every statement. I then asked him, as politely as possible if he had seen, or heard, at any time, any indications or statements that Bob might be a homosexual or have such tendencies. He replied that he had never seen or neard anything of such a nature. asked him this, as he is now of college age and was aware of the closeness of Bob to himself and his brothers. I had earlier asked Bob directly if he had ever indicated or stated to anyone, by word or actions, that he was homosexual. His reply to me directly was that he had never engaged in such activities. From these two replies I am confident the Committee has wasted its time in believing the testimony of a detective without inquiring of those who knew the parties directly.

#### Relations with Troop Sponsors:

In the booklet Child Sexual Abuse and how to deal with it, there is the statement "Councils must require every chartered institution to concern itself directly in the selection of all volunteer personnel related to the Scouting program". In this

instance as Scouting Coordinator for Troop 44, I was never advised of any of the Committee actions or meetings and our Church Pastor was likewise never informed. All information was obtained from the Wongs as a new temporary Scoutmaster was appointed following Bob's resignation in November 1987. By letter dated 3/30/88 to Steve Perry of the San Mateo Council I questioned how much longer this review was going to take and questioned the Partnership status between the Church and Council. No reply was every received to my letter and around May 1988, Bob was reinstated as Scoutmaster. By letter dated 2/7/89 from the Western Region Office, Stephen Perry has stated that the National Council has decided that the registration of Bob Wong should not be accepted, and that he should sever any relations with the Boy Scouts of Again. I question how this "Fartnership with the Sponsor" really works! Someone is way off base when a competent Scouter with Bob Wong's tremendous experience is discarded because of statements made, which are not available for repudiation by the individual, or others with knowledge of the situation.

### Church Status:

The statement by Bob Wong as well as this memorandum have been reviewed with Rev. Jonathon Feterson, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Mateo. He has verified to me that he was never notified of any actions by the Committee or the National Council, until I contacted him this date.

#### Addendum to Memorandum Robert Wong

This addendum was written following meetings with Pastor Jonathon Peterson of the First Eaptist Church and a later meeting with Timothy Gorman, Council Executive of the San Mateo County Council, BSA.

After extensive review and discussion of Bob's statement to the Review Committee, Pastor Feterson and I are of the opinion that Bob is entitled, as a minimum, to review in written for statements concerning his conduct with members of the family. We do not feel it necessary to reveal the name or names of such accusers. We also strongly believe that if any such statements reveal that State Laws have been violated, by relationships with an underage minor, then it is obligatory that such information be taken to the proper authorities for prosecution to the full extent of the law.

We are also of the opinion that in the absence of such compelling and legal information, then the support and backing of those familiar with Bob's background and training in Scouting, should have equal validity with his detractors. I strongly doubt that any person supplying derogatory information has ever had any extensive contact with either Bob, Troop 44 or Scouting in general.

In summary, since Bob did resign from active participation in Troop 44 from 11/87 to 5/88 during the time of review by the Committee with extensive damage to the Troop program during that period we do not agree that he should again step down during any subsequent review. There is no continuing exposure to Troop 44 members as Bob has agreed to eliminate any one on one relationship as requested by the Committee, and as is now required of all leaders in the Scouting program. Recruiting was hurt extensively by the lack of permanent leadership in early 1988, and now you are requesting a similar delay during this important time of the year. Since this Council has already overlook the requirement that Sponsors are to be informed of actions against Troop leaders. I propose that Bob be allowed to continue as Scoutmaster during this review period, and that his Sponsoring Institution be allowed to provide input to this review.

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## Western Region • Boy Scouts of America

February 7, 1989

Robert Wong

San Mateo, CA 94403

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Sincerely yours,

Stephen L. Perry

Area Director

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November 8, 1988

Mr. Richard E. Parker Assistant Regional Director Western Region

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SUBJECT: Robert Wong

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Dear Richard:

This confirms our telephone conversation of Nevember 7, 1983. We have carefully reviewed the file which we were given concerning Robert Nong. At this time we feel registration should be refused and Mr. Wong should be suspended for registration.

Thank you for taking care of this matter.

. Sincerely,

Faul Erast, Director Registration Service

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cc: Mr. Timothy L. Gorman, Scout Executive, San Hateo County Council, No. 20 Western Region





# Western Region • Boy Scouts of America

October 21, 1988

Mr. David Park Legal Counsel Boy Scouts of America PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Here we go again. Enclosed is a file on a situation that developed in the San Mateo County Council.

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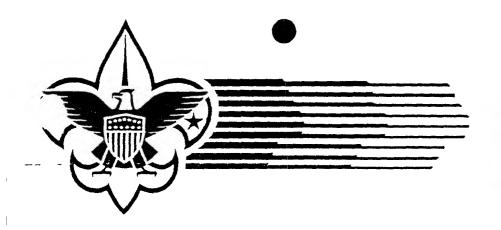
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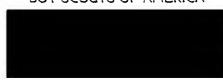
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SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



October 7, 1988

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Mr. Richard Parker Western Region B.S.A.

Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3464

Dear Richard:

I have enclosed two sets of the Bob Wong file. On Thursday, October 6, 1988, I met with Owen McGuigan, Chief of the San Carlos Police Department and a member of the committee that heard the appeal and eventually reinstated Wong as Scoutmaster.

Chief McGuigan has information which he could not share with me (i.e., letters from Wong to the young boy, and the initial police report). The chief indicated he would welcome a subpoena so that he could share his information. Chief McGuigan suggested we contact Rick McDrew of the Secret Service in San Francisco (Wong's former employer) who may be willing to share some information he gathered. Chief McGuigan will call McDrew and let him know we may be in contact.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

Sincerely.

Tim Gorman

Scout Executive

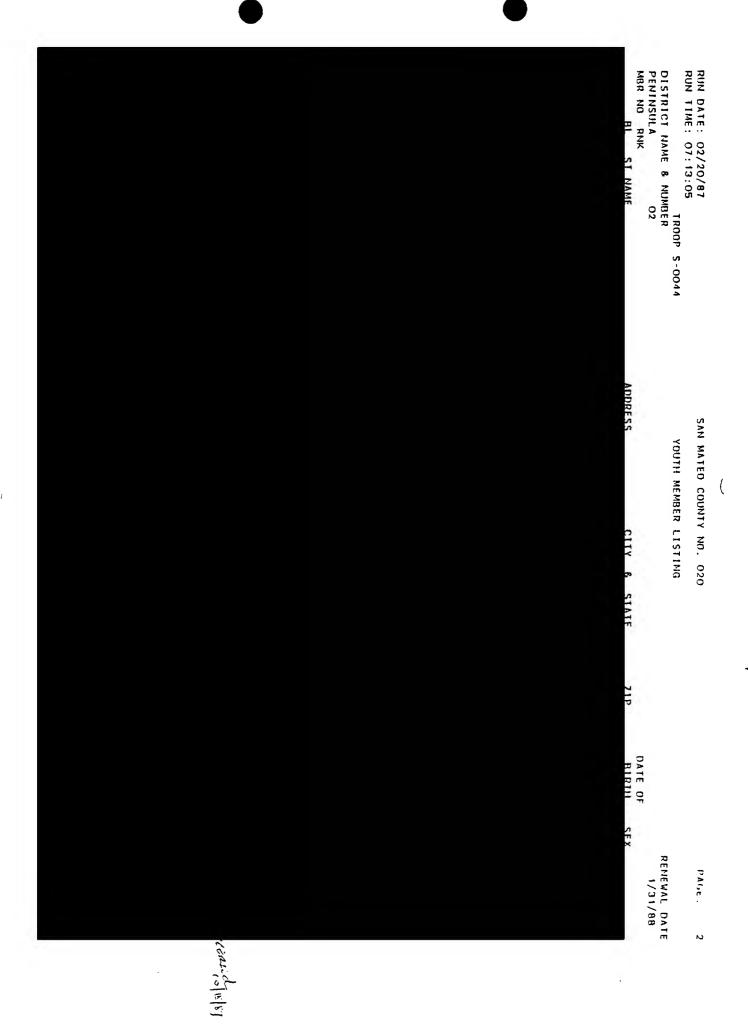
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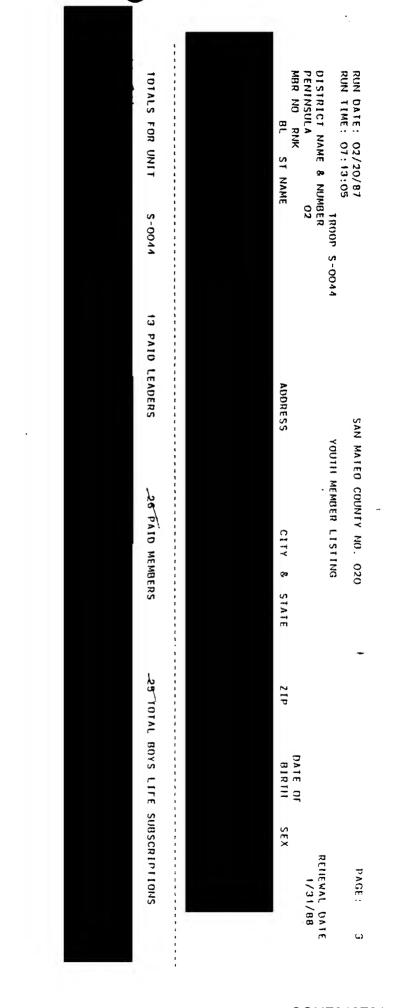
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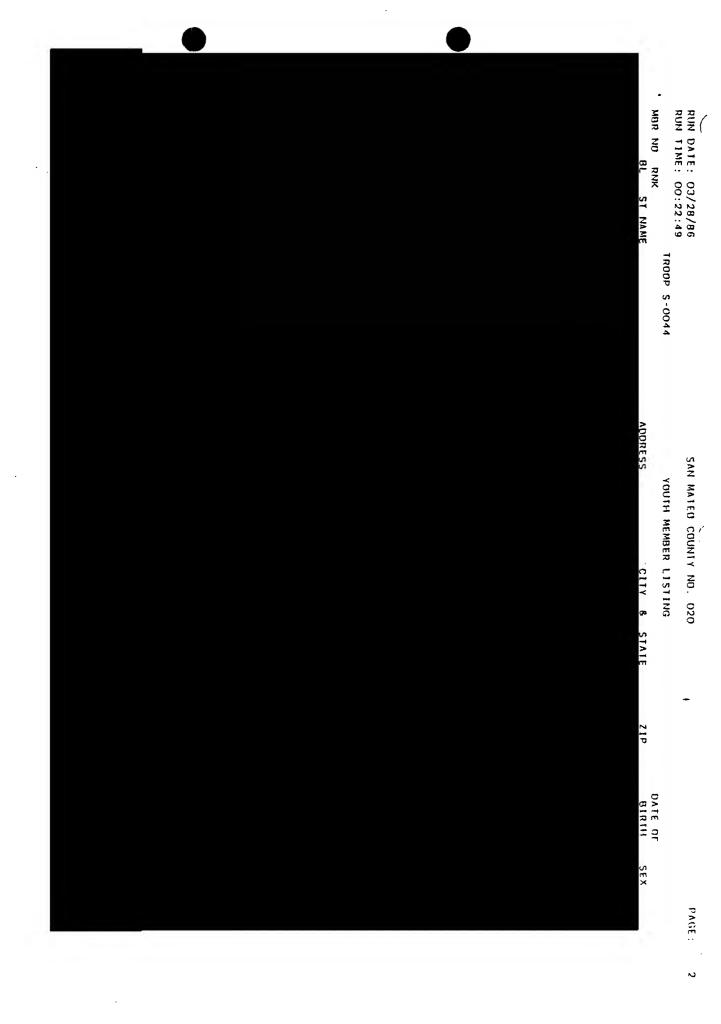
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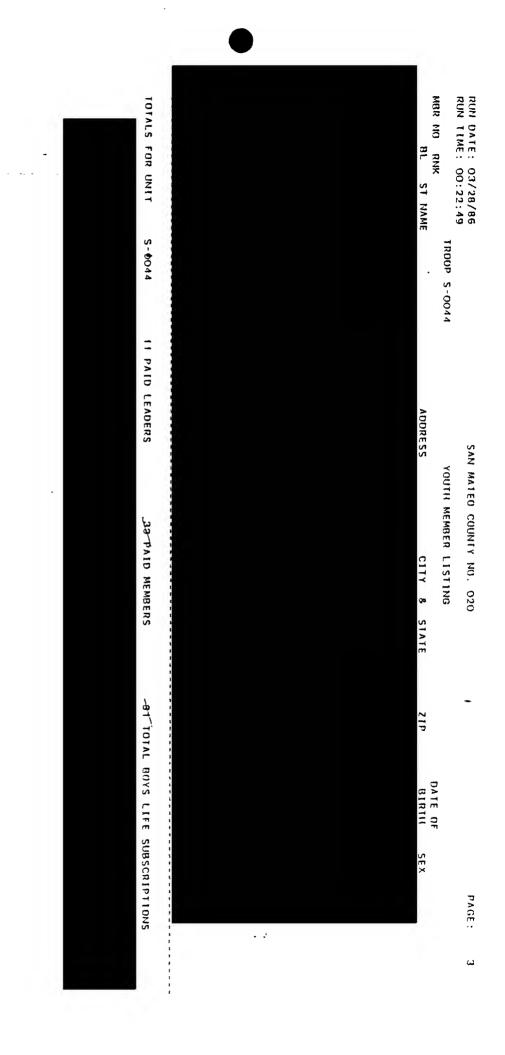


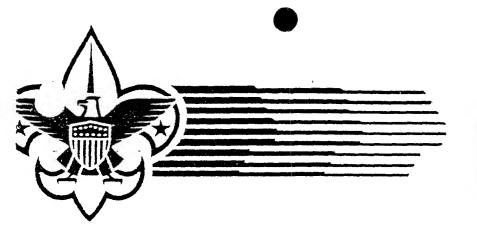


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SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 10, 1988

## Mr. Robert Wong

San Mateo, CA 94401

### Dear Robert:

Thank you for meeting with the committee Tuesday night concerning your appeal to be reinstated as Scoutmaster of Troop 44. Owen McGuigan, chairman, read the three statements listed below and asked you if you could and would abide by them, and you stated that you would. Mr. McGuigan then told you that the commottee unanimously recommended that you be reinstated as Scoutmaster of Troop 44.

#### The statements:

- 1. That you refrain from writing letters to members of Scouting units which tontain language which when taken out of context might be misconstrued with regard to its intent and meaning.
- 2. That you regrain from forming close relationships with individual members of Scouting units, rather than directing your energies to the Scouting unit as a group.
- 3. That you comply with the recent guidelines from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the requirements that two adult leaders be present at all Scouting activities.

If I can be of assistance to you with your Scouting position, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Perry

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Copies to Owen McGuigan, Don Hanson, Tormey Ward

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Mr. Owen McGuigan, Chairman Mr. Don Hanson, Member Mr. Tormey Ward, Member Special Review Committee San Mateo County Council

Through: Mr. Stephen Perry Scout Executive

#### Gentlemen:

I am using this means of communication to convey to you a correction in the information which I gave to you in our earlier meeting concerning my son, Robert Wong. Immediately following that meeting, I realized that I had erred in one point of our discussion and I feel that you should have the benefit of the correct information. I discussed the matter with Mr. Perry and he suggested this manner of conveying the information to you.

When we discussed the exchange of letters between the brothers, including the property, and my son, I believe that I stated to you that most of the letters were exchanged via means of the mail. The correct information is that most of the letters were exchanged directly between parties.

In the usual situation, whenever the wrote a letter to my son, they would hand it to him when they next saw him, usually at the weekly troop meeting. On some occasions, they brought the letter to our home and left it for Bob. On other occasions, which I believe were the occasions when they were troubled, they came to our home to Bob's room where they wrote a note and left it for him. Bob's responses were mostly handed to the boys at their next meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation to the committee for the courtesies and considerations which you have extended to me and to my family.



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SAN MATEO COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

April 27, 1988

Mr. Daniel P. Levin, President San Mateo County Council 8.S.A.

San Mateo, CA 94402

Dear President Levin:

RE: APPEAL FOR REINSTATEMENT BY VOLUNTEER SCOUT LEADER ROBERT WONG

I am writing on behalf of the committee which was formed to review the appeal of the above volunteer scout leader following his suspension pursuant to a letter from Bill Conklin, dated November 17, 1987.

As you know, the Review Committee consisted of Tormey Ward, Donald Hanson, and me as Chairman.

Following an extensive review of the matter, including the stated reasons for the suspension, the personal interview of seven witnesses, including Mr. Wong, and a meeting with representatives of the San Mateo Police Department, it is the committee's unanimous decision that the appeal should be upheld/granted.

This decision, which allows for the appelant's reinstatement, is based upon the condition that he meet with members of the committee at a mutually convenient time to discuss the committee's findings, and upon the following additional recommendations:

- 1. That the appelant refrain from writing letters to members of scouting units which contain language which, when taken out of context, might be misconstrued with regard to its intent and meaning.
- 2. That the appelant refrain from forming close relationships with individual members of scouting units rather than directing his energies to the scouting unit as a group.
- 3. That the appelant comply with the recent guidelines from the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the requirments that two adult leaders be present at all scouting activities.

In closing, the committee notes that all persons who came forward to testify on the appelant's behalf (scouting unit references referred to the committee by the appelant) were highly complimentary of his role as a scouting leader.

Further, no one came forward and the committee was unable to locate any person who would testify to any actual and/or provable wrongful conduct by Mr. Wong.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen McGuigan, Chairman

cc: Steve Perry Don Hanson

Tormey Ward

## DONALD E. HANSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94402

TELEPHONE

April 27, 1988

<u>Mr. Daniel P. Le</u>vin

San Francisco, CA 94117

Re: Application for reinstatement of volunteer Scout Leader

Dear Dan:

I am writing on behalf of the committee which was formed to review the application of the above volunteer scout leader for reinstatement following his termination pursuant to a letter from Bill Conklin dated November 17, 1987.

As you know the review committee consisted of Owen McGuigan, Chairman, Tormey Ward and myself.

Following an extensive review of the matter and the charges which were made against the applicant, the personal interview of seven witnesses including the applicant and a meeting with representatives of the San Mateo Police Department, it is the committee's unanimous opinion that the applicant should be reinstated as a volunteer scout leader in the San Mateo County Council.

This recommendation for reinstatement is based upon the condition that the applicant meet with members of the committee at a mutually convenient time to discuss the committee's findings and upon the following additional recommendations:

- 1. That the applicant refrain from writing letters to members of scouting units which contain language which when taken out of context might be misconstrued with regard to its intent and meaning;
- 2. That the applicant refrain from forming close relationships with individual members of scouting units rather than directing his energies to the scouting unit as a group;

Mr. Daniel Levin Page 2 April 27, 1988

3. That the applicant comply with the recent guidelines from the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the requirement that two adult leaders be present at all scouting activities.

It is the committee's belief that the applicant has acted in what he believed to be the best interest of scouting. The members of the committee were impressed by the fact that all persons who came forward to testify on the applicant's behalf were highly complementary of his role as a scouting leader.

No one came forward and the committee was unable to locate any person who would testify to any wrongful conduct by the applicant.

Owen McGuigan, Chairman

Tormey Ward

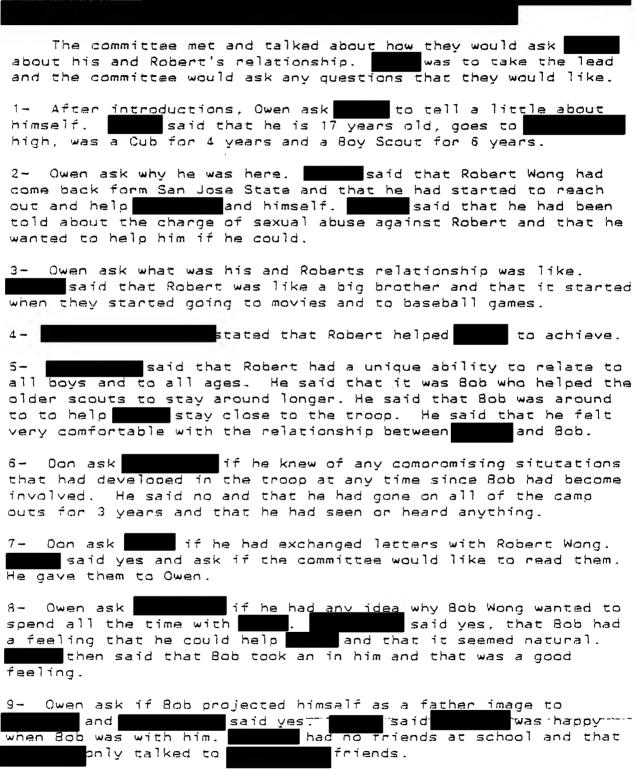
Don Hanson

Respectfully submitted,

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10- Owen ask if any of the letters were mailed. All 3 of the

said yes that he had mailed post cards and that they were just left around the house. sai signed "love your Big Little Brother". said that the cards were said that she is an R.N. and that she deals with many cases which involve sexual abuse and that she has not seen the signs or the system that a child has been sexually abused. 11- Don ask if she saw any abuse with any of the and she said there were none. 12- Owen ask if he had seen any letters to and he said no. 13- Owen ask if he had gone out of state with Robert and said No. 14- Owen ask f 8ob had made any sexual advances toward him. said No, none what so ever. stated that there was no physical contact between them at all. said that they did go to shows together, but nothing ever happened at any time. said that he appreciated 8ob and that when he was the committee chairman no one would take over the troop until 80b came back for training and then when he did take over the troop really went forward. 16- Owen ask if there would be more families here if they were ask to come. said yes,---But it had been kept a secret. if he thought the relationship was strange 17- Tormey ask between Bob and or himself and all 3 of the no. 18- said that Bob is his friend and that he does the same as all my friends. We go places together and do things and Bob should not be singled out because he does a lot with me. said that Bob was not wise in adult ways and that he left the secret service because he did not want to travel so much and did not want to sue a gun. 20- said that Bob really needed to be with other people. said that Bob did not want to travel with Jessie Jackson as a Presidential candidate. 22- Oon ask if Bob showed any great remorse when died. They all said no. 23- Tormey ask how knew about Bobs decision to leave the secret service. Bob told

24- Owen ask if 8ob had approached him in any way to do

said no.

anything out of the ordinary.

- said that they had been very observant of while he was a teenager and that they had not seen anything out of character with Robert Wong or anyone else. said that she was very pleased and comforted with Bobs association with
- 26- Tormey ask what they thought Roberts feelings toward Scouting. Said that he was afraid that Bob would lose interest in Scouting unless some decision was reached soon.
- 27- Owen then ask the committee if they had any other questions of the the said no. Owen then stated that if any of the wanted to say anything else now they could or if they thought of anything to please contact Stephen Perry at the Scout Office.
- 28- said that Bob's conduct was proper with all the boys in his troop even with the letters that had been given to each other.
- 29- Tormey ask if thought it was strange that 80b only wrote to a few boys in the troop. Said no. Said that in was shy and reserved until 80b took an interest in him and that 80b helped him to open up and talk to people.
- 30- Don Ask if Bob had ever talked about any dissatisfaction with the secret service. Said no. Said Bob did not want to be sent away to a small area. He wanted to stay here. Bob was always upbeat about his job. He did not like to have to keep in shape as much as he did.

Owen thanked the and the committee took a break

Stephen Perry then introduced William Campbell as the Scoutmaster of the troop which Robert Wong had been the Scoutmaster of.

- 1- Bill explained his background in Scouting.
- 2- Bill said that he first met when he was 4 or 5. was a mommys boy and stayed very close to her at all times.
- 3- was involved in Cub Scouting, but he dropped out when his was killed. He did not join the troop with his brothers.

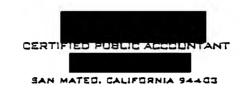
  Bob Wong got him coming on the paper drives and then at age 12 he joined the troop.
  - is a founder father of a French organization in . . . . South San Francisco and that he spent all of his time there with the "boys" (other men). Bob Wong took the fathers roll and then when died he also took her roll.

- 5- Tormey ask if 8ob was a good leader and 8ill said he is just great. The Scouts know just when they can play and when they must work.
- 6- Oon ask if he had seen any sexual or physical contact between Bob and any of the scouts. Bill said no sexual contact, but that he did use the boot on the butt which came from the previous scoutmaster.
- 7- Bill said that needed an arm around him or a pat on the back at all times.
- 8- Tormey ask was the relationship unusual between Boy and and Bill said no. Bill said that he had no problem with Bob Wong being his own sons Scoutmaster.
- 9- Owen explained to Bill why the committee was meeting.
- 10- Owen ask Bill if he had seen any action that Bob had done which could be misconstrued. Bill said no.
- 11- Owen ask Bill if he had seen Bob with any female. He said that Bob had told him that he was not going back to Washington D.C. as a single man.
- 12- Don ask if Bill saw any emotion from Bob about death. Bill said that Bob held everything inside and that he got this from his fathers Chinese blood.
- 13- Bill feels that Bob has a good relationship with his family and that Bob has even grown closer to since death.
- 14- Bill said that needed more love and guidance than most people.
- 15- Don ask Bill how Bob related to the Bill said that Bob thought and treated him as a kid brother.
- 16- Owen ask him if he had any problem with 8ob being the Scoutmaster again and 8ill said no.
- 17- Owen told Bill that if he thought of any other items which may relate to this please call Steve. Anything either good or bad.

The committee thanked 8ill

The committee then ask Steve if he could set a meeting with would speak to the committee that he should set a meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 1133 P.M.



March 30, 1988

Steve Ferry. Council Executive San Mateo County Council BSA

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San Mateo, Ca. 94402

Dear Steve:

As Scouting Coordinator for Troop 44 I must express my great disappointment in the continued delays in the review of Bob Wong. From our sponsors viewpoint we have received no information what so ever from Council on this matter.

At the annual Coordinators orientation meeting there has been stressed the partnership between BSA and the sponsoring institution. In this case the Mens Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church. In this instance the partnership appears 100% to 0%, yet in the matter now of reviewing the number of adults on camp outs the same partnership reverts to 0% to 100%, without the sponsor ever seeing the tour permit. I have in the past and continue more so, to review this "partnership" to be one that is invoked at the whim of Council.

I find it difficult to believe that a meeting date for three individuals could not be scheduled for nearly 5 months and then had to be delayed again for additional witness's. We approved the change of Scoutmasters to Bill Campbell for what we assumed would be a short time for a review of the suicide of the suicide of Four months have now passed at a shails pace and the Troop needs to know how much longer this is going to take. As sponsor of the Troop we are keenly interested in your findings but are not willing to accept a delay of another several months.

Yours truly

Don W. Irvine

T44 Scouting Coordinator

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Meeting with Robert Wong March 2, 1988 7:30 P.M. San Mateo, Calif.

7:30 P.M. attendance at the meeting were:
Owen McGuigan Donald Hanson
Tormey Ward Robert Wong
Stephen Perry

- The committee met in executive session. Owen McGuigan told the committee that he would be willing to step down if they felt that he could not be fair in his chairmanship of the committee and that he had worked with at lest one law enforcement case. The committee said that they knew he would be fair in his judgement. Owen then told the committee that he had gone back to the San Mateo Police Department and reviewed the letters that Robert Wong had written to and that he had come up with a list of 27 questions concerning statements within the letters (see attached marked AA)

  Owen then divided up the questions and assigned different one to Don, Tormey and himself.
- Owen ask Stephen Perry to explain again to the committee why a letter of suspension was given to Robert Wong. Stephen Perry explained that he had been called by Sgt. Lee Violate of the San Mateo Police Department and ask to come to the Police Office and review some papers in a case concerning a Boy Scout and his Scoutmaster. After reviewing a number of the letters, He told the Sgt. that he had seen enough in the letters to talk to William Conklin the Boy Scout Council President concerning the letters. William Conklin then agreed that the statements in the letters were more than enough to suspended Robert Wong according to the procedure of the Boy Scouts of America. The letter was written and later hand given to Robert Wong by Stephen Perry and the Council Vice President of Program.
- 4- The committee reviewed some notes that Owen had made concerning the investigation of the S.M.P.D. in the Robert Wong case. Owen reviewed the questions in detail.
- 5- The committee then met with Robert, and Committee and Committee and Committee and Committee and Committee that he could be fair and objective on all matters the hearing. He then stated that Robert Wong would be invited to speak to the committee first and then hear from Committee for only a few minuets. Said that she did not want to talk to them, but she was there in support of her son.
- 6- Robert Wong then met with the committee starting at 8:28 P.M.

- 7- Owen then ask Robert Wong if he received the letter of suspension on or about November 17, 1987. Robert stated, Yes. He then ask Robert if he had given a letter to Stephen Perry on or about November 19, 1987 concerning the suspension. Robert stated that he had. He then ask if he had received another letter on about the date of February 9, 1988 concerning the meeting to be held on March 2, 1988. Robert stated yes.
- 8- Robert Wong then ask the committee why he had been suspended for the Boy Scouts and Owen ask Stephen Perry to explain to Robert Wong the procedure of the B.S.A. Stephen Perry then stated the policy of the B.S.A. concerning Sexual Abuse and Robert Wong said that he understood why he was suspended.
- 9- Robert Wong then gave a written statement to the committee and then read it to them (see attached AAB).
- 10- Robert Wong then stated that he would answer any and all questions that the committee had.
- 11- Donald Hanson then thanked Robert Wong for his statement.
- 12- Owen McGuian stated that he or the committee may have some questions after they had read and digested it. Robert Wong stated that he would come back if the committee ask him to. Owen ask Robert Wong if he had written the statement. Robert Wong said yes and that he could say it better than anyone else.
- 13- Owen then ask Robert if the committee could give the statement to the S.M.P.D.. Robert Wong said that he had no reason not to give it to them. The committee decided not to give it to the the S.M.P.D. for the time being.
- 14- Don Hanson ask the ages of brothers and 8ob Wong responded age 17 and 19. Don then ask if he had any contact with the two brothers now and Robert stated that he did not have much now that it had deteriorate over the last few years. Don then ask what Roberts educational background was and Robert Wong said that he had a master's in Criminal Justice from San Jose State.
- Tormey Ward ask if the father had disowned the three brothers and Robert stated NO, but that the father may have taken money from all of the boys. Robert said that he nad given all of the boys money and clothes when the three boys did not have any. Robert stated that the father took more interest after had died. He then explained that had did not use any of the modern conveniences such as dish washers, clothes dryers etc.; because of his up bringing.
- 16- Tormey Ward then ask what "enjoying our secretes" meant Robert stated that was very reserved and they shared many things. Robert said there was no sexual secrets between then at all.

- 17- Don Hanson ask if he had "kissed and the other two brother." Robert said that it was a French custom to kiss on the check and that he had kissed them on the check also. He stated that the brothers did not kiss each other, nor did the Father kiss the boys, but the mother did. Don then ask Robert "was it wise to do that?" Robert said it was almost natural. The three boys and Robert talked about it and the did not disapprove until they were older and then they stopped the kissing.
- Tormey Ward ask if he was a "brother/father to the brothers?" Robert stated that only after the Mother had ask him to serve in that role. He stated that the brother role was on non Scouting activities and the father role was on all Scouting activities.
- 19- Owen McGuian ask "why did you want to have a father role with ?" Robert said that he thought it was right and that he accepted that role.
- 20- Tormey Ward ask Robert if "he had any brothers or sisters and if the kissed?" Robert said that he had a younger brother and sister and that he did not kiss his brother or father, but did kiss his mother and sister. Owen then ask Robert what "LYF" means. Robert said it was Love You Forever.
- 21- Owen ask Robert "did you ever ask yourself what the Boy Scouts of America would think about your relationship with ?" Robert said that in Scouting he was like a parent and that brother role took place only when they were by themselves.
- Tormey then ask Robert "why was it important to tell father that the meeting did not end until 9:20 P.M.?" Robert stated that the father would worry if they did not come home right after the meeting and since he was responsible for cleaning up the room after the scout meeting it would be better to say the meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.. It also give them a chance to go by 7-11 and by a slurpee and talk about the day. Tormey then ask if the father was concerned about the relationship between Robert and the three boys? Robert stated that the father was not and that he had taken him to many different events and activities with the boys.
- 23— Don Hanson ask Robert to explain about his and bunking together. Robert restated about sleeping in his mothers bed. Robert then said that had stayed at his house from age 10 to 13 and that had ask Robert to stay over at his house not long after his Mother had died. Robert said that had stayed at his house maybe 5 or 6 times in three years. Robert said that holding at night was a hug or him putting his arm around him only. Don ask if they both had clothes on when spent the night. Robert stated that was very shy and would sleep in all of his clothes and that he would sleep in his P.J.'s

24- Owen then ask Robert What L Y T O B and X O meant Robert said Love you brother or Bob he was not sure and that X O meant kisses and hugs or hugs and kisses.

- Owen ask Robert to explain when they went to Great America and rode the log ride and the what the terms of needing to hold and the need to touch was. Robert stated that when the ride went up it forced back into him and that it reminded him of the time he had held at time of need or when mother had held him.
- 26- Tormey ask what he meant about using as a chair. Robert said that he and had exercised together and that they would set back to back or as he would watch television he would use as a chair.
- 27- Don ask Robert what he meant by "I told myself to let you ( make the moves, if you wanted it, you'd come and get it." Robert said that they had a problem communicating sometimes and that they would a feud and then when the communicated it would get better. Robert stated that hugs were common after a tiff. Madness sometimes stooped the affection. Robert said that he gave hugs after some special events and that madness would stop that.
- Z8— Tormey ask Robert, "Did you see yourself as a parent?"
  Robert said yes and no at times he was a parent and other times he was a brother. Tormey then ask did you ever think that your involvement was more than the normal friend relationship? Robert said yes and that is why he spent extra time after the troop meetings and the camp outs. He said it was unusual, but hard because he was not born into the family. Tormey then ask if he had this same close relationship with his family. Robert changed the subject back to communication problem. He then stated that he did with his sister and parents but not his brother.

### THE COMMITTEE STOPPED THE MEETING

29— The committee met again in executive session and decided that they would eliminate questions 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, and 26. They then decided that Owen would ask all of the remaining questions and then they invited Robert Wong back into the room to continue.

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night with the leaders in their tent since he was older that the other Scouts. Owen ask Robert if when the troop was on came-outs did he and ever stay alone in a tent together. Robert said that he could not remember a time, but that he would not be submised if they had.

Owen then ask if the troop had guidelines as to behavior and conduct of the Scouts and leaders. Robert stated yes that the troop had them and they went over them with the Scouts before each camp out.

- 31- Owen then ask Robert what he meant when he wrote "the important things you did for me were at night." Robert said that he could not guess what it was. He then restated that there was no physical or sexual contact between us.
- 32- Owen ask what he meant by "did you miss me and the king-size air mattress?" Robert said that he had a large air mattress that he put in the Scoutmasters tent on camp-outs and that it was just a part of his camping equipment. Robert then restated that he could not think of a time when he and had slept together in a tent by themselves on a camping trip.
- Owen then ask "how many times that he and were outside of San Mateo County together?" Robert said that he and were together a Disneyland and that was about 12 years old then. He also said that he had taken two older brothers there before. Went to Washington D. C. to his graduation for 2 days; and that they did stay in one room together at both Washington D.C. and Diseyland. Robert said that he had paid for trip to Washington D.C. and that had paid him back for 1/4 of the cost.
- 35- Owen then ask Robert "while you were on Boy Scout Camping trips did he ever questions himself if the BSA would ever question the relationship between he and recommendation." Robert said no.
- 36- Owen ask Robert," did you ever have any sexual contact with either or either of his two brothers?" Robert said No. Any person would tell you that. Owen then ask about the kissing and hugging and Robert said that he did not think of that as a sexual gesture.
- 37- Don Hanson ask who he would like to speak on his behalf and Robert recommended the following:

Bill Campbell Ass't. Scoutmaster

Donald Irvin Scouting Coordinator

anyone from the secret service department-

38- Owen then told Robert that this may be his last appearance before the committee, and if he had any questions he could ask

them now. Robert said that he would be glad to come back and answer any other questions of the committee. Robert again explained about the strong relationship with all the stated that he felt the strong relationship was good. Robert then restated that nothing had happened between and himself.

39- The committee then thanked Robert Wong for coming and took a break.

Meeting continued with meeting with them. read an opening statements attached.

thanked Oon Hanson for making his office available for the meeting so that it could be kept confidential. then talked about the commissioners conference last Saturday and that it was stated that the BSA does not deal with a person who may not be guilty. He stated that this case does not involve sexual abuse or molestation. There is no accusation by anyone against Robert.. told about the relationship between the family and the family. He said that the mother was the only parent who supported the boys and the father was never involved He stated that the family had little or no money for things like uniforms and food at pack meetings. thought that the pack would be able to help teach the boys the American Way. The boys were "hang head" and really did not want to be part of the pack 4 always stayed by his mother and that he would only speak French. 5stated that the mother ask Robert to help he sons with their schooling and other items and she would help Robert with his French. It seemed that she depended more and more on Robert as time went on. She had fielded for a divorce and moved r<u>oom.</u> and was sleeping on the bottom bunk bed. into Owen ask how often were the boys over to his house. said at least four times per week. They were just like part of the family. The boys had the run of the house and that the would help them out with money when they needed it and when they did jobs about the house and yard. stated that Robert took the commitment very strong about looking after her boys after that he made to she was killed. restated that had no contact with his boys on any of the activities that they were involved with even after his wife died. said that he had encouraged Robert to keep the commitment he had made to 10- Owen ask if he was ever concerned about the close relationship. \_\_\_\_\_said that he was not because even his own father had ask someone to take care of him when his father was passing away. 🐃 Tormey ask if he was aware of the letter writing. said yes but not to the extent of it.

12- said that the letters were a way of getting the boys

to communicate.

13- stated that Robert was very concerned about death. said that he talked to Robert about how he was bothered with anything that related to and suggested that he should get rid of any items that reminded him of said that he did not read any of the letters.

14- told the committee that the two older boys still came around to have Robert do different things for them even after death.

15- Stated that even (a scout in the troop) had written letters back and forth with Robert. had told about them at church last Sunday.

The Committee thanked

The committee then meet and decided that they would like to talk to talk to talk to arrange for the meeting with he and his parents and if possible to be able to read the letters.

The committee adjourned at 12:50 A.M.





















February 9, 1988

Robert Wong
San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Bob:

I would like to bring you up todate concerning your request for a hearing on your suspension from the Scouting organization.

William R. Conklin, council president, has appointed a committee to review the material which is related to the above matter. The committee has met on two previous occassions, and now they would like to invite you to attend a meeting with them on Wednesday, March 2, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Service Center.

The area in which the committee would like to discuss with you is your personal relationship with both while you were on Scouting activities as well as those which took place at non Scouting activities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me \_ at the Council Service Center.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen L. Perry Scout Executive



February 3, 1988

To:

Don Hanson

Tormey Ward

Steve Perry

From:

Owen McGuigan

Subject:

Review Committee re Wong

#### Gentlemen:

Since our 1/28/88 meeting, I offer the following:

- 1. I will re-review the police file on Thursday, 2/11/88.
- 2. By now, Steve has given you a copy of the booklet, "Sexual Child Abuse How To Deal With It." Just for info, I'm attaching highlighted copies of the pages I found likely to be the most helpful to us.
- 3. I've asked Steve to provide us with copies of the document, Article VIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, #4992 (see page 17 of the booklet). A copy of this document is attached.
- 4. In case you don't already have them, have attached copies of documentation already in BSA file. They are:
  - a. Stave's handwritten notes re meeting with Mr. Wong on 11/19/87. At this time, Steve presented Mr. Wong with Bill Conklin's letter dated 11/17.
  - b. Bill Conklin's 11/17 letter.
  - c. Mr. Wong's 11/19 letter to Bill Conklin.
- 5. My notes of/from the 1/28 meeting are a little rough, however, believe the following is the procedure/timetable we set up (let me know if you have something different).
  - a. Steve or Bill Conklin to prepare a letter to Mr. Wong. To state Review Committee has been formed, has met twice informally to discuss
    procedures and has set a date of Wednesday, March 2nd, 7:30 p.m., to
    hear appeal. Location will be Scout Headquarters. Copy of the letter
    will be forthcoming from Steve.
  - b. O. McGuigan to arrange date to re-review police file. That date is set for 2/11 at San Mateo Police Dept.
  - c. O.McGuigan to contact D. Hanson by 2/20 re (b) above (will likely be much sooner.

- d. Don to prepare format for meeting and possibly committee statement to Mr. Wong. He will share draft copies of document(s) with OM, TW and SP by 2/25. Comments/recommendations to be given Don immediately.
- e. Don to prepare final product by, say, no later than 2/28.
- f. Committee review hearing with Wong set for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 1988. To be conducted at Scout Headquarters.

Again, any comments, etc. re above, let me or Steve know.

OM:c

Attachments: Material from BS Files

Copies of Booklet Pages Rules and Regulations







January 14, 1988

MEMO

TO:

Owen McGuigan

Oonald Hanson Tormey Ward

FROM:

Stephen Perry

RE:

Special Committee Meeting

I would like to thank you again for you agreeing to serve on this special committee.

We will meet at the San Mateo City Police Department, on Tuesday January 19, 1988 at 3:30 P.M. Seg. Lee Violet will meet with us first and then we will review all material related to this case.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me either at the Council Service Center or at my home ( ).\*





San teo County Council
Boy Scouts of America



January 6, 1988

Chief Don Phipps San Mateo Police Department

San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Chief Phipps:

I am requesting from your department access to any material that you have in the case which may involve Robert Wong.

Robert Wong was suspended from the Boy Scouts of America on September 17, 1987 and has now asked for a hearing to determine if he should be reinstated. A committee has been organized with Chief Owen McGuigan serving as the chairman.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen L. Perry Scout Executive

SLP:dl

Addendum to the testimony of before Members of the Review Committee in the matter of Robert Wong, Scoutmaster.

#### Gentlemen:

I wish to submit this addendum to my testimony in the matter before you concerning my son, Robert Wong. I request that this addendum be considered in your deliberations with equal weight as that of any testimony or evidence before you because I feel that the facts contained herein are equally as factual as any evidence you may have in your possession.

Lat me first discuss who this matter concerns. Robert Wong is 28 years old, and is a 20 year member of the Boy Scouts of America, since he was eight years old. He is an Eagle Scout with 3 Eagle Palms. He has a Masters Degree and was recently a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service. He has returned to his former employment with Longs Drug Stores where he has a total of 9-3/4 years seniority. He is single and resides in our home.

Secondly, consider why he is before you. entered our home without permission, entered Robert's room and removed his issue-service revolver. He took the weapon home and then used it to take his own life. For the five previous years, following the death of had maintained an older brother-substitute parent relationship with and his two older brothers.

Now Robert is before you, seeking reinstatement to membership in the Boy Scouts of America and to the position of Scoutmaster. He was terminated by action of a letter served upon him by this Council on November 19, 1987. I am told that the basis for the letter of termination resulted from a call from the San Mateo Police Department to Steve Perry, Council Executive. However, at this point, the issues become clouded and unclear.

What is clear is that the procedure of the Boy Scouts of America provide that a Scout executive must take certain actions upon receiving a report of "improper conduct" by a registered member. In this case, was such an allegation made? Mr. Perry states that he was contacted by a detective of the San Mateo Police Department who was conducting an investigation into a suicide, and invited to review some letters belonging to the deceased. Mr. Perry states that the detective made no allegations of any unlawful, improper, or sexual conduct against Robert Wong. Mr. Perry further states that his attention was directed by the detective to certain of the letters, and that while he did not read all of the letters, what he did read contained no references to any kind of sexual conduct or sexual contacts.

However, the letter of termination states, "We have been told of an alleged incident which may have involved you. The allegation includes an instance of behavior inconsistent with the standards of conduct established by the

Boy Scouts of America. Based on this allegation, your registration with the Boy Scouts of America is suspended." Yet Mr. Perry stated that the detective made no such allegations and that the letters that he was shown and that he read, contained no such allegations.

At this time, I inwardly questioned whether there was justification to terminate Robert's registration with the Boy Scouts within the context of a termination for reasons of "improper conduct". Outwardly, however, as an officer of this Council, it is my duty to support these procedures of the Boy Scouts of America in such matters, with faith that the procedures also provide for a review process and reinstatement.

On the other hand, I call your attention to the fact that Mr. Perry, as recently as January 12, 1988, stated to me that the detective has made no direct allegations of improper conduct or molestation against Robert. If so, the basis for the termination of registration is still without an "allegation" being made. You should also note that subsequently, the detective notified Mr. Perry that the San Mateo Police Department's investigation into the suicide had been completed and terminated, with no finding except that the death was a suicide.

If such is the case, I believe that this supports Robert's contention that there was never any improper conduct on his part. This, then, would negate the the justification for termination of registration for reason of improper conduct.

However, I am deeply concerned by information which I have been privileged to receive under confidential conditions as a former law enforcement official. I have been informed that the investigating detective of the San Mateo Police Department has told persons outside of his department that it is his opinion that Robert molested the suicide victim. This statement has been made on more than one occasion and to more than one person. The fact remains, however, that neither his investigation nor the evidence supports such an irresponsible accusation. You should note that investigations conducted by the San Mateo Police Department, and independently by the United States Secret Service resulted in no such finding against Robert. Based upon these facts, I believe that an unwarranted and unprofessional accusation has been made by a law enforcement officer.

At this point, we should examine the conduct of the San Mateo officer. An objective, professional investigative officer should always maintain an open, unbiased mind so as to be able to consider all information, facts and evidence developed in an investigative effort. I believe that this is not the case. Additionally, the sources of my information reported that the officer made other unsupported remarks to other persons. He has said that "it is unbelievable to him, and to the common man on the street" that Robert should have an older brother-substitute parent relationship with someone who is neither related by blood nor marriage. In one instance, he said that he had the same disbeliefs about Robert's motive for being a Scoutmaster because he is unmarried. I find these opinions to be

outrageously biased. By his reasoning, many long term or single Scouters and Scoutmasters are to be automatically suspect.

There are other instances of questionable conduct by the detective. On some of the occasions when he talked to persons from outside of his agency, he not only stated his biased opinion, he showed them xeroxed copies of letters and directed their attention to selected highlighted passages, representing them to be evidence of molestation of the suggest that this is yet another example of his bias and prejudicial judgement. I repeat that he and the San Mateo Police Department have completed their investigation with no finding against Robert Wong. Under these circumstances, I believe that there is an effort by the detective to manipulate and use the Boy Scouts of America to satisfy a personal bias.

Robert has been maligned, slandered and defamed by the actions of this police officer.

I would like to direct the committee's attention to the fact that the United States Secret Service conducted an intensive pre-appointment and security background investigation on Robert and found nothing questionable in his moral character. His emotional stability and judgement were found sufficiently high to warrant being selected early in his career to guard the President of the United States on several occasions and to be one of the lead agents to protect the Pope at Monterey and San Francisco.

Before the review committee concludes its tasks, I want to point out some other facts about Robert. In accordance with the standards set forth in Article VIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, he does "possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities" necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. He has been raised under the highest moral standards in our home, and under the Boy Scouts of America. His educational preparation is self-evident. He has completed every youth and adult leadership training course offered by the Boy Scouts. He served on the staff of two Brownsea Double Two youth leadership training courses and as an adult staff member of two Junior Leader Training Courses including one as Scoutmaster. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster at the age of 18 and succeeded the Scoutmaster 2 years ago. There is not a single Scout or Scouter who has the grounds to accuse him of improper conduct. The parents of every Scout ever led by Robert will give evidence of his emotional and leadership qualities.

I strongly urge this review committee to avoid the national paranoia over child abuse and objectively reinstate Robert's registration with the Boy Scouts of America. An arbitrary judgement against him has the potential of giving artificial credence for civil suit against this Council and the Boy Scouts of America where no such grounds exist.

November 19, 1987

Mr. William R. Conklin Council President San Mateo County Council Boy Scouts of America

Through: Mr. Steve Perry Scout Executive

In response to your letter dated November 17, 1987 concerning me. I hereby request that this matter be reviewed at the earliest possible date in order to review the facts so that my name and reputation can be cleared.

I would appreciate being advised of the nature of any allegations against me so that I can properly respond to them.

Sincerely,

Robert Wond

# 140 million 19,1987

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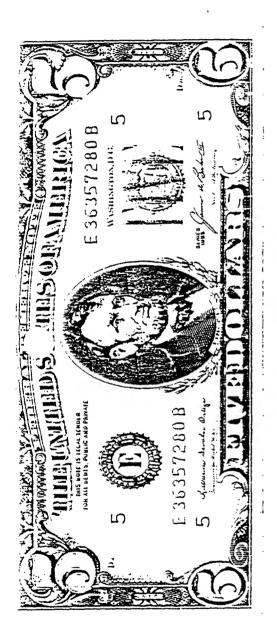
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November 17, 1987

Mr. Robert Wong

San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Mr. Wong:

We have been told of an alleged incident which may have involved you. The allegation includes an instance of behavior inconsistent with the standards of conduct established by the Boy Scouts of America. Based on this allegation, your registration with the Boy Scouts of America is suspended. We request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that the Boy Scouts of America membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. The Boy Scouts of America policy requires us to suspend registration when such an allegation is made.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Council Review Committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scouts of America member should be reinstated.

William R. Conklin

President

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enc. Registration refund



San Mateo County Council Boy Scouts of America



November 16, 1987

Mr. Robert Wong

San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Mr. Wong:

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Sincerely yours,

William R. Conklin President

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